

# WASHINGTON CRITIC

WASHINGTON, JULY 23, 1887.

FROM SIX TO TWENTY-TWO.

A FACETIOUS EPISODE.

In a dear New England hamlet which I do to dare to name

I lately met a household of captivating family

Twelve sisters were there, and they were all so young

They formed a sort of, complicated ban-yan family tree.

I spent my three weeks' outing in such a pretty pension near it was a joy to me to breathe the atmosphere.

But the cottage of those maidens kept gleaming on my view. So one day I found the way to it—a perilous thing to do.

I had met the happy parents of this lovely group before. And a letter was not needed to bring me to their door.

The dozen girls were strangers, but strong like their mother, and their beauty was bewitching—and their charms beyond a doubt.

My friendship with the mother grew up in such a way. That the visit seemed (I thought it did) imperative to me. Of course as much attraction was difficult to them.

And I hate procrastination when a duty must be done.

Though the sisters' jesting ages ranged from six to twenty-two. 'Twas easy with the younger ones to know just what to do.

They would run with you to meet me, and, to match their childish blies.

I must have my arms around them and bestow a friendly kiss.

But here came up the problem so intricate and vexed. What sort of salutation should be proffered to the next to the next?

The upper tier to stare at? (I'm susceptible, I'm told.) Yet I wouldn't greet them wrongly for their precious weight in gold.

Very soon the door flew open on the mother's dandier sister. I was ushered in withunction; there was welcome in her eyes.

Then the girls, for some odd reason to make matters just the worst.

Filed along in youthful order, each one younger coming first.

Now if one kins impression to salute with at their feet. To a right girl procession half a head in height.

Can any Mrs. Grindly with explicitness define When the knee must cool to handshake, or where falls the danger line?

I should be a sorry veteran to falter on my way. Or do uneven homage in the middle of the fray.

I could not be so partial to my countrymen to drop. When the reasons for proceeding were as many as to stop.

I am sure there are some puzzles I shall never figure out. But, with girls still fearless coming, I gave myself the doubt.

I reached the upper tier ladder (what else was there to do?) And I didn't skip a sister from six to twenty-two.

A FEMALE PHILANTHROPIST

And How We Found Her Out.

My wife is a very kind-hearted woman, and that is the reason, I suppose, why she took a fancy to Mrs. Milford, the broker's wife.

Mrs. Milford always headed any charity with the largest amount of money and always figured at any benefit or fair among the leaders.

For my part I could not get myself to like her. She was vulgar in dress and a loud and noisy talker, and she made me nervous whenever she came around.

My wife was about to take the poor girl in, insisting that she was drunk, but my wife interposed and had her taken home in a carriage. That night we heard her cry, which she told with tears in her eyes.

She was the daughter of Pennington, the speculator, whom I remembered very well. When he died he didn't leave a cent, and his only daughter, Alice, had to go out into the world and earn her own bread.

She had tried everything even to selling papers, and had suffered everything. Recently she had found a little sewing work from a lady, which had worked day and night to finish.

She had called a number of times for the money, but the servant always made an excuse, and at the time my wife found her she was dying of starvation.

"I wish you would tell me the woman's name," I said, when she had finished. "I should like to state my opinion of her should we ever meet."

"She was called Mrs. Milford," said Miss Pennington, smiling. I looked at Miss Pennington, and she looked at me, and then we both groaned.

From that day the philanthropist Mrs. Milford never gained footing in our household.

Miss Pennington soon grew to be an indispensable part of the household. Miss Pennington and she were like sisters. As for myself, except as I am, I saw more to admire in her daily.

One evening, while reading the afternoon paper, I looked up and said: "Don't you remember, my dear, talking of young Milford a couple of months back and wondering where he was? Well, his name is reported here as having arrived by the Scythia today. I must hunt him up to-morrow. How glad I shall be to see him."

I happened at that moment to look toward Miss Pennington and was surprised to see her turn pale. I rose hastily.

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